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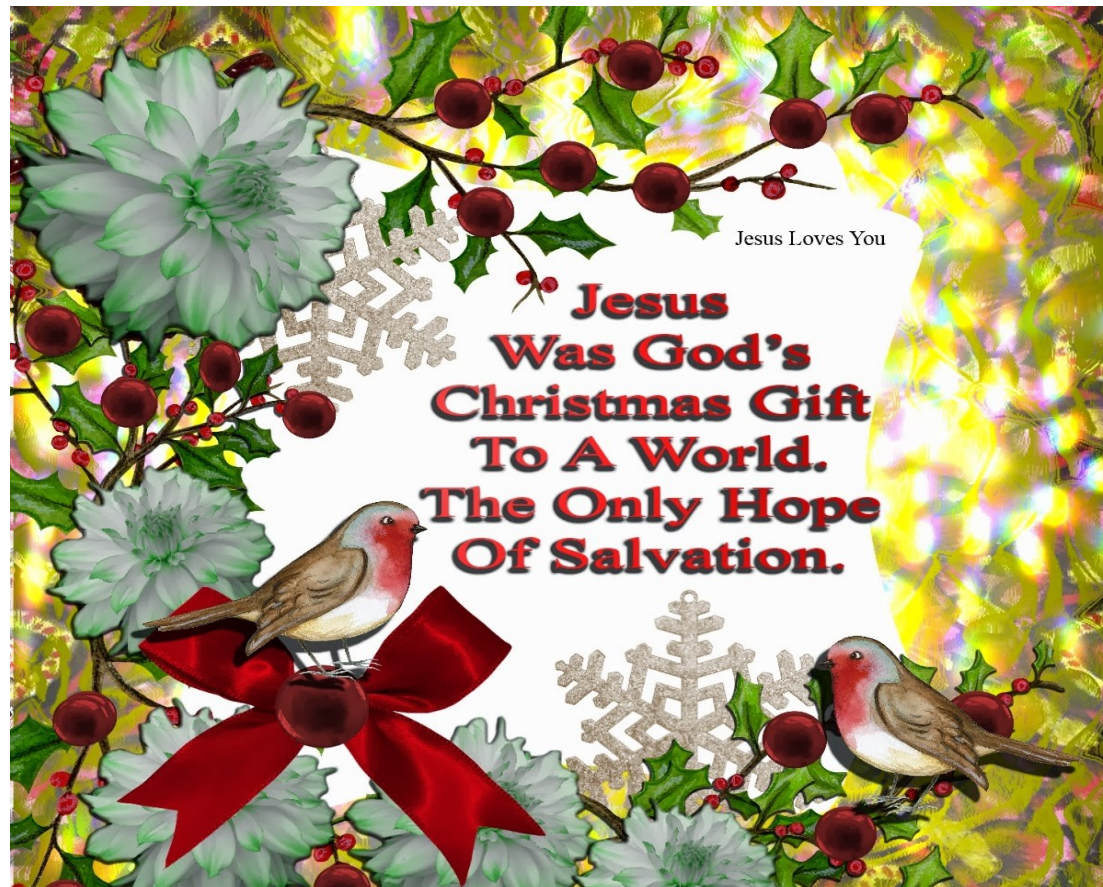
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December 2022



Florence Baptist Church News

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him!"

Dates to Remember

December

December 17
8 a.m. Men's Ministry will meet to prepare fruit bags followed by road clean-up
4 p.m. Christmas Caroling

December 18 - Christmas Program at 5 pm followed by a finger-food fellowship

December 21 - Business Meeting following Bible Study
(No Family Night Supper in December)

December 25 **Christmas Day**
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
(No Sunday School)
Last day for Lottie Moon Offering

January

January 1 - **Happy New Year!**
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.

January 8 - Sunday School Breakfast
9 a.m.

January 18 - Ladies Outreach Meeting
10 a.m.

January 28 - Samaritan's Purse Mission Opportunity See Amanda Bannister

January 29 - Chili & Dessert Cook-off
6 pm



Christmas 2021

This year's Christmas program will be presented by our children on Sunday evening, December 18th at 5 p.m. We will enjoy a finger-food fellowship following the program.

Ladies Outreach

The ladies' outreach group had their final 2022 meeting on December 7. This meeting included their Christmas lunch and gift exchange. There were 8 ladies in attendance.

During 2022, the ladies prepared and delivered gift bags to our homebound members. The bags included toiletries, snacks, and puzzles or reading materials. They also collected clothing and other items for the Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter. In the fall, they shared information about Operation Christmas Child and delivered 56 boxes to a local collection site. For Christmas, the ladies are preparing fruit baskets for the shut-ins.

Mrs. Wanda Dunbar has been sharing a Bible lesson at each meeting. She teaches about various women in the Bible, and she does a great job with these lessons. She will continue with these studies on women in the Bible for 2023 as well. The ladies outreach group wants to encourage other ladies to attend their monthly meetings. They meet at 10:00 on Wednesdays once a month. For the next few months, the meeting will be held on the third Wednesday, beginning January 18.

Missions News



The Season of Prayer for International Missions wrapped up on December 11. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions runs through Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25). The money received in this offering goes directly to our Southern Baptist missionaries serving in other countries. Please consider giving to this special offering by marking the Missions box on the offering envelopes.

Men's Ministry

The men will meet at 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 17 to prepare the Christmas fruit bags for Sunday morning. They will also do a road clean-up for Windy Wood Road. All men are encouraged to help with these two projects.

No details are available yet for a January meeting. Watch for announcements in the bulletin for more information.

Business Meeting

The December business meeting includes voting on the proposed budget for calendar year 2023. Copies of the proposed budget are available in the foyer for review. Business meeting will be held after the Wednesday night service on December 21.

Christmas Events

Christmas Caroling is scheduled on Saturday, December 17, at 4:00pm. This event is open to everyone who wants to participate in caroling. We will visit several homes of shut-ins to share some Christmas songs. If the group is large enough, we may split into 2 groups.

On Sunday, December 18, at 5:00pm, the children will present their **Christmas program**. This will include music with the hand bells. A finger-food fellowship will follow the program. Please plan to come in support of our children and join in the fellowship.

Christmas Day is Sunday, December 25. There will be no Sunday School that day, but we will meet for our regular worship service at 11:00am.

The **new year** begins on Sunday, January 1. We will have both Sunday School and regular worship on that day.

January Events

There will be a **Sunday School breakfast** at 9:00am on January 8. This includes all Sunday classes and teachers. For those who currently do not attend Sunday School, this is a great opportunity to visit a class and learn more about our Sunday School options.

We will host our annual **Chili and Dessert Cook-off** on Sunday, January 29 at 6:00pm. More details will be announced later, but the men usually bake dessert, and the ladies make the chili.

A special mission opportunity is also available on Saturday, January 28. Samaritan's Purse has a second Operation Christmas Child event at their Charlotte distribution center on this date. They receive online donations for the shoeboxes, but they do not process the online items until late January. They prepare the shoeboxes from these donations, so the process matches their review and shipping of the shoeboxes in December. Amanda has secured space for 25 youth and any interested adults to participate. There are some areas where folks can sit, instead of standing, to help prepare these boxes. Details for how to sign up will be available in the next few weeks.